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APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.	ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450	BOX PATENT APPLICATION 03913 10/08/24/03
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1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/13)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification Total Pages 31
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R&D
- Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets 10

5. Oath or Declaration (executed) Total Pages 2

- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. Paper (4 pages)
- c. Statements verifying identity of above copies.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Non-publication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent

17. Other

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of International Application No. PCT/EP02/01999 filed February 21, 2002.

Prior Application Information: Examiner: _____ Group Art Unit: _____.

The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) noted above, is/are considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is/are hereby incorporated by reference.

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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Docket Number	Anticipated Classification of this Application		Prior Application Examiner	Art Unit
88265-6975	Class:	Subclass:		

Address to:

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application number PCT/ EP02/01999 filed **February 21, 2002**, entitled; **APPARATUS AND METHOD OF RAPIDLY HEATING A PACKAGED FOOD PRODUCT**, which designated the United States.

Note: 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be used to file a continuation or divisional application of an international application which has not entered the national stage.

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16 (c))	29-20	9	x \$ 18	\$ 162.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4- 3	1	x \$ 84	\$ 84 .00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$	\$
					\$ 750.00
			Total of above Calculations =		996.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27)				
			Total =		\$ 996.00

1. Enclosed are the specification and claims.
2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501-814. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
3. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
4. A newly executed declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 is enclosed.
5. Priority of application number filed in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

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Attorney Docket No.	Appln. Serial No.	Items - Documents filed on August 25, 2003
88265.6975	to be assigned	Utility Patent Application Transmittal (PTO/SB/05); Specification 31 pages including 29 claims; Formal Drawings for Figs. 1-12 (10 sheets); Application Fee Transmittal PTO/SB13 (in duplicate); Executed Inventor's Declaration; Power of Attorney by Assignee; Executed Assignment w/Assignment Recordation Sheet; Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449

Please acknowledge receipt of these items as received by returning the enclosed postcards with the date of receipt of August 25, 2003

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